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From: Kimble, Jeffrey [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=D2DD4D4515E14394A48418016A9CD908-JKIMBL03]
Sent: 7/27/2018 4:24:07 AM
To: Poy, Thomas [poy.thomas@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Parchment (Kalamazoo Co) drinking water plant - source water impacted by PFAS

Thanks Tom, if I can be of assistance let me know.

Jeff Kimble, US EPA
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On Jul 26, 2018, at 11:07 PM, Poy, Thomas <poy.thomas@epa.gov> wrote:

Jeff: There is a situation at Parchment, MI where MDEQ did some sampling and found PFAS above the 70 ppt Health Advisory level at the water system – PFOA + PFOS at 1410 ppt. MDEQ is working on a remedy. Your reputation precedes you – the great work that you're doing at Wolverine was mentioned in MI's discussion about their response and a request has been made to EPA to let you know about the situation, in case they may need your help. See the emails below for a general description of the issue. I'll also forward you an email that I got from the MDEQ DW Director with the analytical results.

Tom

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From: Thiede, Kurt
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 9:47 PM
To: Poy, Thomas <poy.thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Parchment (Kalamazoo Co) drinking water plant - source water impacted by PFAS

Thank you Tom.

Kurt Thiede
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Sent from my iPhone...please excuse my typos.

On Jul 26, 2018, at 9:36 PM, Poy, Thomas <poy.thomas@epa.gov> wrote:

Aaron: I will inform Jeff Kimball, just in case his assistance is needed.

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On Jul 26, 2018, at 8:42 PM, Keatley, Aaron (DEQ) <KeatleyA@michigan.gov> wrote:

Thomas – this evening during a multi-agency conference call regarding this issue, one of the Region 5 on-scene coordinator's names came up – Jeff Kimball. He apparently has a lot of credibility from the PFAS work he did related to the Wolverine site. I don't know that there is a current need for him to be involved, but it would probably be a good idea to let Jeff know about the situation.

From: Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 7:44 PM

To: Keatley, Aaron (DEQ) <KeatleyA@michigan.gov>

Cc: Grether, Heidi (DEQ) <GretherH@michigan.gov>; Zimmer, Nate (DEQ) <ZimmerN6@michigan.gov>; Poy, Thomas <poy.thomas@epa.gov>; Holst, Linda <holst.linda@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Parchment (Kalamazoo Co) drinking water plant - source water impacted by PFAS

Thank you for the phone call tonight Aaron and the follow-up email.

We have alerted EPA HQ Office of Water about this development and have inquired about communities that may have dealt with this type of situation. I will share more information on this when I get that info.

Regarding a point of contact at EPA Region 5, our short term contact person would be Thomas Poy, Chief of our Drinking Water Program. I've cc'ed Tom on this e-mail. Tom's phone number is 312-886-5991. Tom's supervisor, Linda Holst our Acting Water Division Director, is also included on this email.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything you need.

Best,

Kurt

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Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 6:10 PM

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Subject: Parchment (Kalamazoo Co) drinking water plant - source water impacted by PFAS

Kathy – I left you a message on your cell. Since then, I have talked to Kurt. You can either talk to me or talk to him to get a brief update on an issue we discovered late this afternoon regarding the community of Parchment's drinking water plant. Analytical results we received today shows that their source water well have been impacted by PFAS. Parchment is not too far away from where we were earlier this week and the system serves about 3,000 individuals (~1,200 connections).

While we were advising Congressman Upton of the situation in his district, he mentioned a bill that he had sponsored during the Flint response that requires EPA to engage in situations like this within 24 hours. I am not familiar with this requirement, but at this point, Michigan does not have a need for this level of assistance.

I did advise Kurt that it would be helpful to have a technical point of contact at Region 5 in the event that we need technical support during our initial response. I also told him that, if EPA knows of examples where this may have happened in other states, it would be helpful if EPA could share information about the technologies used to provide interim treatment at the impacted plant while a long-term alternative could be established. Michigan is developing its own plan along these lines, but a second set of input is welcomed. Kurt indicated he would email me information related to this.

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